

## SENATE BILL No. 169

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Environmental studies. Requires the department of environmental management to study the feasibility of using environmental tickets or citations, using electronic permit applications and reports, and expediting the issuance of environmental licenses. Requires the environmental quality service council to study various aspects of environmental funds.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning environmental law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **Before**  
2       **September 1, 2005, the department of environmental management**  
3       **shall:**

4               (1) **study the feasibility of the use by the department of tickets**  
5               **or citations to enforce parts of IC 13;**

6               (2) **develop recommendations that identify:**

7                       (A) **the parts, if any, of IC 13 that could be reasonably and**  
8                       **efficiently enforced using tickets or citations;**

9                       (B) **the procedure that could be used for the enforcement;**  
10                      **and**

11                     (C) **the statutory amendments that would be necessary to**  
12                     **authorize the enforcement;**

13               (3) **with respect to environmental permits, study the feasibility**  
14               **of electronic applications and reporting, including the use of**  
15               **electronic signatures;**

16               (4) **with respect to environmental permits, develop**  
17               **recommendations that identify:**

18                     (A) **the extent to which electronic applications and**

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- reporting could be reasonably and efficiently implemented;
- (B) the procedure that could be used for the implementation; and
- (C) the statutory amendments that would be necessary to authorize the implementation;
- (5) with respect to environmental licenses, study the feasibility of substantially reducing the period between application and issuance;
- (6) with respect to environmental licenses, develop recommendations that identify:
- (A) the extent to which substantial reduction of the period between application and issuance could be reasonably and efficiently implemented;
- (B) the procedure that could be used for the implementation; and
- (C) the statutory amendments that would be necessary to authorize the implementation; and
- (7) report the department's recommendations under subdivisions (2), (4), and (6) to:
- (A) the governor;
- (B) the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6; and
- (C) the environmental quality service council.
- (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.
- SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) For purposes of this SECTION, "fund" refers to a fund established under:
- (1) IC 13-15-10-3;
  - (2) IC 13-15-11-1;
  - (3) IC 13-17-6-3;
  - (4) IC 13-17-8-1;
  - (5) IC 13-17-14-6;
  - (6) IC 13-18-3-14;
  - (7) IC 13-18-13-2;
  - (8) IC 13-18-21-2;
  - (9) IC 13-18-21-22;
  - (10) IC 13-19-5-2;
  - (11) IC 13-20-4-15;
  - (12) IC 13-20-13-8;
  - (13) IC 13-20-22-2;
  - (14) IC 13-23-6-1;
  - (15) IC 13-23-7-1;
  - (16) IC 13-25-4-1;

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- 1 (17) IC 13-25-5-21; or  
 2 (18) IC 13-28-2-1.  
 3 (b) The environmental quality service council shall:  
 4 (1) study with respect to each fund:  
 5 (A) the relevance of the purpose of the fund;  
 6 (B) the clarity of the goal of the fund;  
 7 (C) the record of achievement of the goal of the fund;  
 8 (D) the appropriateness and necessity of activities funded  
 9 by the fund;  
 10 (E) whether financial accounting for the fund is correct;  
 11 (F) the extent to which available federal reimbursement to  
 12 the fund is obtained; and  
 13 (G) the future need for the fund;  
 14 (2) develop recommendations for any changes the council  
 15 believes are appropriate in:  
 16 (A) the statutes and rules relating to the funds; or  
 17 (B) the administration of the funds;  
 18 (3) report the council's recommendations under subdivision  
 19 (2) to the governor; and  
 20 (4) include the recommendations developed under subdivision  
 21 (2) in the council's 2005 final report to the general assembly.  
 22 (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.  
 23 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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